

CHAPTER NO. 681

SENATE BILL NO. 2252

By Cohen, Fowler, Herron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2322

By Hargett, Vincent, Cochran, Matheny, Marrero, Sargent, DuBois, Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 26 and Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to reimbursement for travel expenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 26, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 8-26-115. No official, officer, or employee compensated with state funds shall be reimbursed for airplane travel in an amount in excess of standard coach fare for the applicable flight. Unless an emergency situation arises and the purchase or reimbursement for the purchase of tickets for travel by air in excess of the standard coach fare for such emergency situation is approved by the comptroller, no state funds shall be otherwise used to purchase air travel at rates in excess of standard coach fare for the applicable flight.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 49-7-129. No official, officer, or employee of the state board of regents or the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, or any institution under their control, shall be reimbursed for airplane travel in an amount in excess of standard coach fare for the applicable flight. Unless an emergency situation arises and the purchase or reimbursement for the purchase of tickets for travel by air in excess of the standard coach fare for such emergency situation is approved by the comptroller, no state appropriated or university funds shall be otherwise used to purchase air travel at rates in excess of standard coach fare for the applicable flight.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 6, 2004



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18th day of May 2004



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